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Ambassador George S. Messersmith,
United States Embassy,
Havana, Cuba.

Dear Friend:

I have just received your letter regarding Mr. Van de Maele, and wish to express my deep appreciation for all the trouble you took in his case.

Mr. Fehrlich has informed me that on February 8th he sent to the American Consul General in Havana all the necessary data for his own application, as well as that of his wife and daughter. As to his nephew, the application has not yet been submitted. It will of course be most helpful if you would again get in touch with the Consul about this matter.

There is another case I would like very much to bring to your attention. It refers to the application of Mr. Hugo Neuberger for an immigration visa to the United States, which application he filed with the United States Consulate in Cuba on January 23rd.

I have known Mr. Neuberger for more than thirty years, and can testify that he is of excellent character. His wife and son have already obtained their immigration visas two years ago under the Russian quota. Under the circumstances Mr. Neuberger is very anxious to obtain the same visa. I would be very grateful if you would say a word on his behalf to the authorities.

I am very much annoyed to have to trouble you with all these questions, but I know you realize how very important they are for the parties involved.

Again thanking you for everything, and with kindest regards from me and my wife to you and Mrs. Messersmith, I am,

DNH: MG